

REMARKS

The applicant reaffirms the provisional election of species made without traverse on November 4, 2003 via telephone, to prosecute the invention of Group I, consisting of claims 1-9 and 16-22. Claims 10-15 are withdrawn from further consideration during the prosecution of this application.

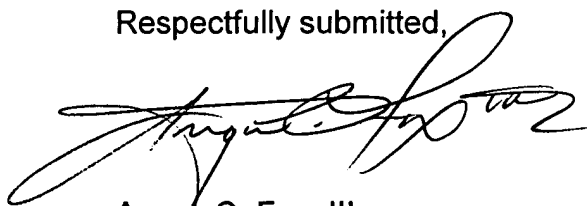
Claims 1, 2 and 4 stand were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Forsythe, et al. (20020136839 A1). Claims 3, 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Forsythe, et al. application. Claims 16-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Forsythe, et al. application. Claims 7-9, 21 and 22 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 6 and 7. Claim 16 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 20 and 21. Consequently, claims 6, 7, 20 and 21 have been canceled. As a result of the cancellation, the dependencies of claims 8 and 22 have been changed. In addition, claim 9 has been amended to eliminate an indefinite and meaningless phrase.

It is believed that the specification and amended claims are now in a condition for allowance. Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

The foregoing amendment is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,



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